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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

in re patent application of:

Applicant : Douglas B. Quine  
Application No. : 09/871,335  
Filed : May 31, 2001  
Examiner : Jon M. Bass

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Group Art Unit : 3639

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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PRODUCTIVITY OF MAIL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	27	-	28	=	-1	X	\$50.00	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	=	0	X	\$200.00	=	\$ 0.00
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